

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 67-74 and 76-101, 103 and 104 are pending in this application. Claims 73, 74 and 81-101, 103 and 104 are withdrawn. Claims 67, 78 and 98 are amended and claims 75 and 102 are canceled by way of the present amendment.

Claim 98 is amended to delete the inadvertently included characters "64."

Claims 67-72 and 76-80 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. 5,144,447 (Akimoto et al.) in view of U.S. 4,805,025 (Akiyama et al.). Claim 75 was found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants greatly appreciate the finding of claim 75 to recite patentable subject matter. Claim 67 is amended to include the elements of claim 75 and is in condition for allowance. Claim 78 is also amended to include the elements of claim 75. It is respectfully submitted that claim 78 is also in condition for allowance.

Each of claims 68-72, 76 and 77 are dependent from allowable claim 67 and are accordingly also in condition for allowance. As claims 73 and 74 include all of the elements of allowable claim 67, claims 73 and 74 should be rejoined. Claims 79 and 80 are dependent from claim 78 are accordingly in condition for allowance. As claims 81-101, 103 and 104 include all of the elements of claim 78, claims 81-101, 103 and 104 should be rejoined.

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It is respectfully submitted that claims 67-74, 76-101, 103 and 104 are in condition for allowance, and a favorable decision to that effect is respectfully submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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